

Work or lie in bed? Both ways it's dear

Daily Worker Reporter
IT'S going to be dearer to go to work, to go to bed, to put the baby to bed, and to keep warm, as a result of price increases announced yesterday by the Board of Trade.

The manufacturers of industrial overalls and merchant seamen's uniforms are charging the wholesalers increased prices next Monday with the approval of the Board.

Wholesale prices for overalls will rise by three per cent and those for merchant seamen's uniform from three to 13 per cent, that is by 7d. to 2s. 6d. in the £.

COTS, TOO
Prices of pillows, bolsters and mattresses—including those for cots—are to go up on the following Monday, February 13.

Pillows will be 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. dearer. Bolsters will be 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. dearer. And soft mattresses will be 3d. to 1s. in the £ dearer. Full-size spring-interior mattresses will be 3d. to 7d. in the £ dearer, and light grades of cots mattresses will go up in price by four-and-a-half to ten per cent. This will mean an increase of about 1s. 6d. to 3s. per mattress. These increases will probably

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THIS YEAR?
American atomic leaders were reported last night to be "hopeful" of exploding the world's first hydrogen "super bomb" in 1951—or even earlier.

soon be passed on to the retailers, and thence to the housewife. Woolen utility goods, already due to cost the wholesalers more on February 8, will cost the customers more, according to a director of the famous I. and R. Morley firm.

He estimates that the price of men's suits will go up to 5s. to 6s. per pair, women's woollen vests from 6s. 4d. to 7s. 7d. women's fashioned stockings from 9s. to 11s. 3d. per pair, and men's winter wool and underwear from 21s. to 23s.

Cheese—the fancy kind will go up
Daily Worker Reporter
THE price control of a number of fancy cheeses is to be removed on the first of the month.

These cheeses are already dearer than the varieties issued for the ration.

A Ministry of Food announcement yesterday stated that from March 1 the Ministry will cease to import certain varieties of cheese, of which ample supplies are available.

GORGONZOLA
Private traders will be permitted to import these cheeses under licence from the Board of Trade.

The cheeses to be released from price control include blue vein and gorgonzola, Italian full cream soft and some French and Swiss varieties.

Ample supplies of these cheeses are said to be available and private importers are to handle them.

BAN THIS BOMB!

EDITORIAL

What must be done

ORDINARY men and women everywhere have recoiled in utter horror to the news that America is to manufacture the hydrogen bomb.

What can be done? That is what the British people are asking.

Time and again the Soviet Union has expressed its readiness for international talks to ban the bomb, reduce armaments and preserve peace. The answer of Britain and America has been the Atlantic War Pact, the newly-signed arms pact and now the American decision to manufacture the hydrogen bomb.

America wants war, not peace, that is the brutal truth behind this ghastly decision. The Soviet Union is accused by the Labour Government, which supports the American atom control "plan," of blocking atomic agreement.

It is vital that the truth be made known everywhere.

Under this American plan an "international" Atomic Development Authority, really an American dominated body, would own and control all atomic raw materials and processes.

Only when an "adequate" system for control of atomic energy "had been agreed upon, and put into effective operation, with "condign punishment" for breach of the rules of control, would the U.S. stop making the bomb, destroy existing stocks and release information on production.

Control would be by stages, with the U.S. through its majority on the A.D.A., having the power to postpone indefinitely the abolition of the bomb.

First stage in control was to be a world-wide survey of atomic raw materials, enabling the A.D.A. to acquire for America a complete target map of the Soviet Union.

The A.D.A. was to have power to license or forbid the development of atomic energy, even for peaceful purposes, anywhere in the world.

This was not a plan for peace, but for war. It was a plan for American domination and control of the entire world, with possession of and power over the bomb an exclusive American monopoly. Its rejection was certain.

Soviet counter-proposals, based on the United Nations, were clear-cut, simple, peaceful and effective.

In February, 1949, the Soviet Union proposed that international agreements, on abolition and control of the atom bomb, should come into being simultaneously.

It also proposed that an International Control Commission should be set within the framework of the Security Council to ensure that atomic energy was used for peaceful purposes only.

This Commission would have the widest powers, including periodical inspection, access to all facilities for mining, production or stock-piling, the right to carry on research and study production operations.

Enforcement was to be entrusted to the Security Council, thus strengthening the authority of the United Nations.

These are the facts. Here is the basis of an agreement which can remove for ever this horror overhanging our lives. But to achieve it we must end the American war plans, and end the Atlantic Pact. To destroy the bomb, the war policy must be destroyed.

Pledge to age

A STRAIGHTFORWARD "Yes!" is the Communist Party's reply to the questions addressed to all parties by the National Federation of Old Age Pensions Associations.

No other reply would be conceivable, for what is demanded for the old people is merely a little money and some modest improvements in conditions.

Yet, while lip-service to the interests of the aged is common enough on electioneering platforms, none of the larger political parties gives support to the pensioners' definite claims. To its deep disgrace, the Labour Party rejects them.

Destroy it before it destroys you

By Our Political Correspondent

EXPRESSING without doubt the heartfelt demand of the overwhelming majority of the human race, the British Peace movement yesterday called for the immediate outlawing of the new hydrogen bomb.

This appeal was reinforced by Communist Parliamentary candidates, who urged the Labour movement to see the bomb was banned before it wiped out Britain and the whole of Europe.

Mr. William Gallacher, prospective Communist candidate and sitting M.P. for West Fife, put it: "See the bomb is destroyed before it destroys you."

In a statement on behalf of the British Peace Committee, Mr. J. G. Crowther, its chairman, said:

"President Truman's announcement that he has directed the Atomic Energy Commission of the United States to work on the hydrogen-atom bomb has made the outlawing of atom bombs, instantly and absolutely, imperative.

"The starting of work on the hydrogen-atom bomb is essentially aggressive. No one and no country threatens the United States, so there can be no reason, except aggressive intention, for her to begin work on this new super-weapon.

"Every Briton must call on those who would represent him in Parliament to work and vote for the stopping of the mad atomic arms race, which is the most terrifying threat to peace, and which will, unless it is stopped, bring utter destruction to his own country more than any other.

"The representatives of the British people must insist that the British Government

dissociates itself from the atomic policy of the United States, and joins the people of goodwill in all the world in demanding that the Government of the United States should agree to the outlawing of atomic weapons, and thus return to obedience to the normal laws of human morality."

Indicative of the feeling throughout the country was a telegram sent by 12 members of the Muswell Hill Co-operative Women's Guild to Mr. Attlee imploring him to protest against the American decision to go ahead with the H-bomb and asking him to initiate new negotiations.

The North London District Committee of the Amalgamated Engineering Union last night called upon their national committee to demand of the Government that they should in turn demand the destruction of all existing stocks of atom bombs.

Bruce to fight in June

From F. W. DEARDS

BRUCE WOODCOCK, British heavyweight champion, will fight Lee Savold, of America, for the world heavyweight crown at White City, London, on June 6.

The date was finally fixed in London yesterday only an hour after Tom Hurst, Woodcock's manager, had arrived back from the United States.

The term "world championship" will stick to this fight, but only over half the boxing world. The other half look to Ezzard Charles, of America, as the champion.

No boxer will be universally recognised as the champion until he has met and beaten Charles. Woodcock has stated that he has no objection to meeting the American Negro—after Savold.

MAXIM INTERESTED

But the newly-crowned lightweight king, Joey Maxim, is very interested in what is quaintly termed "the white heavyweight championship."

Since he has been beaten three times by Charles that is not a bad idea from his point of view, but the shadow of Charles will hang



Bruce seems pleased.

over the White City in June, not the shadow of Maxim.

Charles' manager, Joe Louis, will be here for the fight, and the logical outcome is for Charles to fight the winner. So Bruce Woodcock stands within two fights of becoming the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world.

Bruce's manager, Tom Hurst, was in confident mood yesterday. "Bruce will fight anyone, Maxim included," he said in London. And earlier, in New York, he had said:

"It could be that Woodcock will fight Charles but it will have to be in London. He might even fight Louis or Wally, I don't know."

If he beats Savold, Woodcock will undertake a coast-to-coast tour of the U.S., making personal appearances at New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Detroit, and Sacramento.

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General Anders

ON the front page of our edition of December 1, 1949, we published an article entitled "Hitler's Generals for West Army," received from the Tass Agency.

This was to the effect that during his recent visit to Germany, U.S. Secretary of Defence Johnson discussed with General Anders and with Hitler's Generals Halder and Guderian, the formation of a Security troops.

This would in the main consist of former S.S. men and servicemen of the Nazi Army and would be headed by General Anders, to whom Hitler's generals would be subordinate.

We are now informed by General Anders that no such talks have ever taken place between him and Mr. Johnson as alleged by us or at all, nor has he ever associated with or had any dealings whatsoever with any of Hitler's generals.

We therefore much regret the association of General Anders' name with former Hitlerite generals and the organisation mentioned in our article and the use of the epithet, "reactionary," in connection with his name and any damage to General Anders' reputation.

We are glad, therefore, to withdraw unreservedly all the statements made in the article referring to General Anders and apologise for the allegations made therein.

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Czechs win at table tennis

Czechoslovakia beat Hungary 5-3 in Budapest last night to win the world table tennis championship and the Swarthling Cup.

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EGGS FLUNG AT BEVIN IN ITALY But his friends give him tea

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

MR BEVIN was greeted in Italy yesterday with a shower of eggs, and a fulsome tribute in the ultra-reactionary newspaper, *Momento*, belonging to the Christian Democrats.

The eggs hit his car in Naples as he drove to Rome to hold talks with Italian Premier de Gasperi, Foreign Minister Ciano, and the Pope.

The Naples police promptly arrested five people. All night they had been busy with mops, soap and pails, trying to clean from the walls giant slogans denouncing British power politics in the Mediterranean.

ONE-DAY VISIT
Mr. Bevin arrived on board the cruiser H.M.S. Birmingham for a one-day visit.

"He is today, after Churchill, the strongest man in Britain," said *Momento* approvingly—adding a word of praise for his wit, humour and good sense.

At the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs it was announced that a diplomat who had lived in London was engaged in brewing a specially strong pot of tea for the distinguished visitor.

'MORE TIME' SAY MINERS

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THE South Wales area executive of the National Union of Mineworkers has unanimously decided to send a strong protest to the B.B.C. against the inadequate broadcasting time of ten minutes allocated to the Communist Party during the election campaign.

A petition demanding that the Communist Party be allowed at least two broadcasts is being circulated in the big A.E.C. factory at Southall, Middlesex.

It is sponsored by the Communist candidate for the Southall division, Mr. J. Purton, himself an engineering worker.

A date for 1957

An international exhibition will be held in Paris in 1957. All buildings and pavilions will be permanent and might be used later for the Ministerial services of the nucleus of the new suburb.—Reuter.

Big Business chiefs want more cuts

BUT THEY'RE DOING ALL RIGHT

From GEORGE SINFIELD

SIR ROBERT SINCLAIR, president of the Federation of British Industries, and a member of the Dollar Exports Board set up by the Labour Government, made an attack on State ownership when he addressed a sales' managers luncheon in London yesterday.

"You would consider me lacking in courage and consistency," he declared, "if I did not say that the F.B.I. is utterly opposed to State control, State ownership, or State management."

National expenditure would have to be reduced. He added that the F.B.I. had no allegiance to any political party, and that one of its principal functions must be to express the views of industry.

But in a pamphlet published today by the Labour Research Department, 45 F.B.I. men who exert influence on Government policy are named.

It shows that this industrial wing of the Tory Party is securely entrenched on Government committees.

UNITED FRONT

Representatives sit, for example, on Cripps' Production Advisory Council for Industry, and with Isaacson on the National Joint Advisory Council and National Joint Consultative Committees.

These Big Business figures heartily applaud Government and T.U.C. wage-freezing and support the united front by turning down demands for more pay out of price.

The F.B.I. has an affiliated membership of 280 trade associations and 6,000 firms, 227 of whom employ over 2,000 workers. Represented on its Grand Council of 300 are chiefs from all the key industries—steel, building, chemicals and so on.

Government policy between the two wars on output restriction, tariffs, taxation and rating, represented F.B.I. thought.

And in 1947 the F.B.I. recommended the curtailment of investment in industry. The Government agreed.

Shortly after Munich the F.B.I. reached agreement "in principle" with Hitler Germany on economic co-operation. Only a great public outcry stopped the ratification of the plan.

The L.R.D.'s enlightening pamphlet, costing 6d., is excellent anti-Tory General Election material.

Boy climbed rails signal: discharged

A BOY who climbed a 60-ft. railway signal to put a scarecrow on top told Berkhamsford (Hertfordshire) juvenile court yesterday he was following the example of the man who climbed the spire of the House of Commons.

The boy's mother told the court that her 12-year-old son suffered from an inferiority complex because he was no good at sports. What he had done was only a childish prank.

With this the chairman disagreed, stating that trespassing on the property of British Railways and altering a signal was a very serious matter. The boy was conditionally discharged.

New Premier

Vatko Chervenkov, Secretary-General of the Bulgarian Communist Party, was unanimously elected Prime Minister by the Bulgarian Parliament yesterday. Vasil Kolarov, the former Premier, died last month.

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WILL YOUR CANDIDATE WORK FOR PEACE?

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FOUR vital questions on peace are to be put to all General Election candidates by the British Peace Committee.

"If returned to Parliament," they will be asked, "will you work and vote for:

"(1) The abolition of all weapons of mass destruction, including the atom bomb;
"(2) reduction of our military expenditure;
"(3) resumption of direct talks between the heads of the Five Great Powers to end the cold war and settle differences by peaceful negotiations;
"(4) support for the United Nations Charter?"

In an accompanying statement the committee says:

"The signing of the arms aid pacts between the United States and the signatories of the North Atlantic Treaty is one of the gravest threats to peace since the second world war ended.

"Within the next few weeks or days the first shipments of £300 million-worth of American war material will be on their way to Europe.

"On the pretext of Western European defence the peoples of the signatory Powers are tied to a programme of re-armament which, if unchecked, can lead on to war.

"American Superfortresses are being sent to Britain, reducing this country to the status of the most

vulnerable target in any clash which this stock-piling of arms might provoke.

"In the United States, Congressmen, army chiefs, industrialists and the manufacturers of war material have won their battle for the production of the hydrogen bomb.

"This weapon is reported to be vastly more destructive than the atom bomb, and is utterly incapable of being developed for peaceful purposes.

"The people must be made aware of the threat that overhangs their lives and hopes.

"That is why the British Peace Committee is putting the key issue of peace before all electors and candidates through the medium of the accompanying questionnaire."

HIROSHIMA MAYOR SHIVERS

FROM Japan yesterday came a comment on the hydrogen bomb from a man who knows a great deal about atom bombs.

The Mayor of Hiroshima, where an atom bomb was dropped in 1945, declared:

"It gives me the shivers. It can wipe out a million people at once. This is the most horrible thought that ever came into my mind.

"Think of how those of us who lived through the blinding flash of the atom bomb feel about war with hydrogen bombs."

In a statement yesterday the U.S. Communist Party said that it was appalled by the latest U.S. blitz against world peace, and demanded that President Truman reverse his decision to make the H-bomb.

A letter from the party's leaders to Mr. Truman called for full public hearings on the bomb, immediate negotiations with the Soviet Union on atomic control, and the prohibition of atomic weapons.

The whole U.S. Press and many politicians were speaking of nothing else yesterday. Most of them were busy justifying the decision to make the new terror weapon.

U.S. protests

THE American National Council for Prevention of War said in Washington yesterday that the decision to build a hydrogen bomb was directly counter to the Truman administration's policy of trying to outlaw mass killing of people.

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Piratin points to blitz ruins

BOTH the sitting Communist M.P.s, Mr. W. Gallacher and Mr. P. Piratin, yesterday made strong appeals for action to stop production of the H-bomb.

In Stepney, his constituency, Mr. Phil Piratin reminded his audience at a meeting of the effects of the blitz on their area.

"There is therefore every reason why Stepney people must oppose the Government's policy of playing the stooge to the U.S.," he declared.

"You, the electors, must challenge both Labour and Tory as to whether they support this war drive by America."

The American generals and politicians intend that Britain should be the base from which these murderous weapons shall be used, and that the British people are to take the shock of the war blows."

Speaking in his constituency of West Fife, Mr. Gallacher said:

"It is shocking to realise the war mania of America are deliberately and cold-bloodedly contemplating the complete destruction of Britain and of Europe, through the use of a bomb that is estimated to be many hundred times more destructive than the atom bomb itself."

Double-decker train victim slightly better

MRS. ETHEL ANN MILLER, 50-year-old Woolwich woman attacked in London's double-decker train by two youths on Tuesday, regained consciousness in hospital yesterday.

She has a fractured skull, but after an operation yesterday her chances of recovering were reported to have slightly improved.

OVERCOAT

Search for the youths who beat Mrs. Miller about the head and robbed her of a wallet containing a pound note was being continued in South-East London throughout the yesterday, particularly in the Blackheath area.

Detectives are questioning shopkeepers in an effort to trace the keepers in an effort to trace the



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